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1. The reply filed on 5/11/2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In prior Office Actions, including the Office Action mailed on 2/18/2009 (see part 20), the Examiner addressed Applicants' reliance on the reference numbers in parentheses to identify structural elements. Nevertheless, this issue is still present in the claims. For example, in line 5 of step (c), the phrase "the stamped wire elements (7, 11, 12)" is used, and in line 2 of step (d) the phrase "the stamped wire elements (11)" is used. However, the actual claim language in the two cases is the same, i.e. "the stamped wire elements", since, as mentioned in the prior Action, the claim language must stand on its own, Applicants cannot rely on reference numbers to differentiate between otherwise identical recitations. Applicants are therefore asked to remove all reference numbers from the claims and to amend the claims such that the claim language is clear and lacks ambiguities. *See* 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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